GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1696
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AMENDMENT IN PASSPORT RULES
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the passport rules in order to effectively check terrorist and secessionist activities in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) (b) & (c) A Bill has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd November, 2001 to amend the Passports Act, 1967.The Bill replaces the Passport (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (Ord. 8 of 2001) andseeks to confer powers upon the concerned authorities to suspend the passport or travel document of a person indulging in criminal or anti-national activities to prevent him/her from leaving the country during the period when action to revoke or impound his/her passport is initiated and when the passport is actually revoked or impounded.